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SAN DIEGO CONTINUES TO RESTORE SERVICES AS CITY'S FISCAL HEALTH IMPROVES

Additional library hours go into effect November 3; More expected by year's end

As the result of financial reforms that have saved the City of San Diego tens of millions of dollars and an increase in tax revenues, Mayor Jerry Sanders announced Friday that the restoration of city services continues with the expansion of library hours.

“While other cities are filing for bankruptcy or facing multi-million dollar deficits, San Diego is on strong financial ground,” Mayor Sanders said. “Thanks to our financial reforms like managed competition, IT outsourcing and streamlining nearly every city department, we have been able to begin restoring important city services like libraries. Along with additional hours at recreation centers, and more funding for street repairs, our residents are starting to see the benefits of the progress we’ve made over the last few years.”

The City of San Diego is projecting budget surpluses over the next five years. Mayor Sanders added 5 hours to all 35 of the city’s branch libraries earlier this spring, and starting Nov. 3, the Central Library Downtown will add Saturday hours, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Four branch libraries will add Sunday hours, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on November 4:

- Logan Heights
- Mira Mesa
- Rancho Bernardo
- Valencia Park/Malcolm X

Combined with four other branches currently open on Sundays - City Heights/Weingart, La Jolla/Riford, Point Loma/Hervey and Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa - every Council district in the city now has at least one library open on Sundays.

The city has been aided in this effort by some private funding.

“As we watch the construction continue on the new Central Library, we have not forgotten that branch libraries are relied upon, and that is why restoring these hours was among the top priorities as soon as our budget allowed,” said Councilmember Todd Gloria.

More library hours are expected to be added by the end of the year, keeping all branches open Mondays for a full day.

“Our libraries are the educational arm of the City of San Diego. They provide a lifetime of learning, a gathering place for community groups, and Internet access that is essential for studying and job searches,” Mayor Sanders said. “We still have work to do in this city, but when this library opens its doors on November 4, it will be yet another sign that we’re on the right path.”

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